

Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) is a disorder in which people develop a variety of symptoms as a result of a single massive exposure or repeated low levels exposures to toxic chemicals and other irritants in the environment; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of MCS are not limited to chronic fatigue, muscle and joint pains, rashes, asthma, short term memory loss, headaches and other respiratory and neurological problems; and

WHEREAS, MCS is a chronic condition that usually involves the central nervous system and other organ systems; and

WHEREAS, there is no known cure for MCS; and

WHEREAS, MCS can cause major personal financial, employment, housing, and social consequences for people who have this disability; and

WHEREAS, MCS is recognized by ADA, Social Security Administration, U.S. HUD and other state and national government agencies and commissions which have supported the health and welfare of the chemically injured; and

WHEREAS, reasonable accommodations can enable people with MCS to enjoy access to work, public facilities, and other settings where they can continue to contribute their skills, ideas, creativity, abilities and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, people with MCS need the support and understanding of family, friends, co-workers and society as they struggle with their illness and adapt to new lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, MCS is a preventable disorder,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas P. Perciak, Mayor of the City of Strongsville, do hereby declare the month of May, 2009 as

MULTIPLE CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY AWARENESS AND EDUCATION MONTH

in the City of Strongsville and hope all residents have an increased awareness and understanding of this disorder which will hopefully aid in the prevention of MCS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal this 1st day of May in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nine.

Thomas P. Perciak, Mayor